be subject to the criminal penalties provided for in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

[T.D. 80–237, 45 FR 64565, Sept. 30, 1980, as amended by T.D. 82–227, 47 FR 54065, Dec. 1, 1982; T.D. 83–214, 48 FR 46511, Oct. 13, 1983; T.D. 84–149, 49 FR 28698, July 16, 1984; T.D. 84–213, 49 FR 41163, Oct. 19, 1984; T.D. 85–123, 50 FR 29952, July 23, 1985; T.D. 91–77, 56 FR 46114, Sept. 10, 1991; T.D. 93–57, 58 FR 39655, July 26, 1993; T.D. 93–65, 58 FR 44128, Aug. 19, 1993; T.D. 93–66, 58 FR 44130, Aug. 19, 1993; T.D. 94–41, 59 FR 18481, Apr. 19, 1994; T.D. 95–77, 60 FR 50010, Sept. 27, 1995]

## §4.15 Fishing vessels touching and trading at foreign places.

(a) Before any vessel documented with a fishery license endorsement shall touch and trade at a foreign port or place, the master shall obtain from the port director a permit on Customs Form 1379 to touch and trade.

When a fishing vessel departs from the United States and there is an intent to stop at a foreign port (1) to lade vessel equipment which was preordered, (2) to purchase and lade vessel equipment, or (3) to purchase and lade vessel equipment to replace existing vessel equipment, the master of the vessel must either clear for that foreign port or obtain a permit to touch and trade, whether or not the vessel will engage in fishing on that voyage.28 Purchases of such equipment, whether intended at the time of departure or not, are subject to declaration, entry, and payment of duty pursuant to section 466 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1466). The duty may be remitted if it is established that the purchases resulted from stress of weather or other casualty.

(b) Upon the arrival of a documented vessel with a fishery endorsement which has put into a foreign port or place, the master shall report its arrival, make entry, and conform in all respects to the regulations applicable in the case of a vessel arriving from a foreign port.

- (c) If a vessel which has been granted a permit to touch and trade arrives at a port in the United States, whether or not the vessel has touched at a foreign port or place, such permit shall forthwith be surrendered to the port director.
- (d) No permit to touch and trade shall be issued to a vessel which does not have a Certificate of Documentation with a fishery license endorsement.

[28 FR 14596, Dec. 31, 1963, as amended by T.D. 77-28, 42 FR 3161, Jan. 17, 1977; T.D. 83-214, 48 FR 46512, Oct. 13, 1983; T.D. 94-24, 59 FR 13200, Mar. 21, 1994; T.D. 95-77, 60 FR 50010, Sept. 27, 1995]

## §4.16 Entry and clearance on board vessels.

- (a) A master, owner, or agent of a vessel described in the Act of June 16, 1937, who desires that arrival may be reported, entry made, and clearance obtained on board the vessel shall file with the port director an application on Customs Form 3171 and a single entry or continuous bond on Customs Form 301 containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.64 of this chapter, in such amount as the port director deems appropriate but not less than \$1.000.
- (b) If the application is approved, the port director or such Customs officer as may be designated by him shall receive the report of arrival and the entry of the vessel and grant it clearance on board the vessel.
- (c) For the purposes of the said act the term "at night" shall include the hours from 5 p.m. of one day to 8 a.m. of the following day, and the term "holiday" shall include only national holidays.

[28 FR 14596, Dec. 31, 1963, as amended by T.D. 68-247, 33 FR 15021, Oct. 8, 1968; T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41163, Oct. 19, 1984; 49 FR 44867, Nov. 9, 1984; T.D. 95-77, 60 FR 50010, Sept. 27, 1995]

## § 4.17 Vessels from discriminating

The prohibition against imports in, and the penalty of forfeiture of, certain vessels from countries which discriminate against American vessels provided for in subsections 2 and 3 of paragraph J, section IV, Tariff Act of 1913, as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> If such a vessel puts into a foreign port or place and only obtains bunkers, stores, or supplies suitable for a fishing voyage, it is not considered to have touched and traded there. Fish nets and netting are considered vessel equipment and not vessel supplies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29–61</sup> [Reserved]

amended by the act of March 4, 1915 (19 U.S.C. 130, 131), shall be enforced only in pursuance of specific instructions issued and published from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury or such other officer as the Secretary may designate. (See also §§4.20(c) and 159.42 of this chapter.)

[28 FR 14596, Dec. 31, 1963, as amended by T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17444, July 2, 1973]

TONNAGE TAX AND LIGHT MONEY

## §4.20 Tonnage taxes.

(a) Except as specified in §4.21, a regular tonnage tax or duty of 9 cents per net ton, not to exceed in the aggregate 45 cents per net ton in any 1 year, shall be imposed at each entry on all vessels which shall be entered in any port of the United States from any foreign port or place in North America, Central America, the West Indies, the Bahama Islands, the Bermuda Islands, the coast of South America bordering on the Caribbean Sea (considered to include the mouth of the Orinoco River), or the high seas adjacent to the U.S. or the above listed foreign locations, and on all vessels (except vessels of the U.S., recreational vessels, and barges, as defined in §2101 of Title 46) that depart a U.S. port or place and return to the same port or place without being entered in the United States from another port or place, and regular tonnage tax of 27 cents per net ton, not to exceed \$1.35 cents per net ton per annum, shall be imposed at each entry on all vessels which shall be entered in any port of the United States from any other foreign port. In determining the port of origin of a voyage to the United States and the rate of tonnage tax, the following shall be used as a guide:

(1) When the vessel has proceeded in ballast from a port to which the 27-cent rate is applicable to a port to which the 9-cent rate applies and there has laden cargo or taken passengers, tonnage tax upon entry in the United States shall be assessed at the 9-cent rate.

(2) The same rate shall be applied in a case in which the vessel has transported cargo or passengers from a 27-cent port to a 9-cent port when all such cargo or passengers have been unladen or discharged at the 9-cent port, without regard to whether the vessel thereafter has proceeded to the United States in ballast or with cargo or passengers laden or taken on board at the 9-cent port.

(3) The 27-cent rate shall be applied when the vessel proceeds from a 9-cent port to a 27-cent port en route to the United States under circumstances similar to paragraph (a) (1) or (2) of this section.

(4) If the vessel arrives in the United States with cargo or passengers taken at two or more ports to which different rates are applicable, tonnage tax shall be collected at the higher rate.

(b) The tonnage year shall be computed from the date of the first entry of the vessel concerned, without regard to the rate of the payment made at that entry, and shall expire on the day preceding the corresponding date of the following year. There may be 5 payments at the maximum (27 cent) and 5 at the minimum (9-cent) rate during a tonnage year, so that the maximum assessment of tonnage duty may amount to \$1.80 per net ton for the tonnage year of a vessel engaged in alternating trade.

(c) A vessel shall also be subject on every entry from a foreign port or place, whether or not regular tonnage tax is payable on the particular entry, to the payment of a special tonnage tax and to the payment of light money at the rates and under the circumstances specified in the following table:

| Classes of vessels  | Rate per net ton         |             |                |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
|   | Regular tax              | Special tax | Light<br>money |
| Vessels of the United States:  1. Under provisional register, without regard to citizenship of officers | \$0.09 or \$0.27         |             |                |
| (i) If all the officers are citizens(ii) If any officer is not a citizen                                | .09 or .27<br>.09 or .27 | 1 0.50      | 1.50           |